

REMARKS

Restriction Election

The Examiner has required restriction to one of four groups under 35 U.S.C. §121. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 51-63 drawn to a chimeric or humanized anti- α 5 β 1 integrin antibody classified in class 435, subclass 344.1.

Sequence Election and Traversal

Applicants elect, with traverse, SEQ ID NOs:1 and 7.

In traversal, Applicants wish to point out that heavy chain SEQ ID NOs: 1, 25, and 28 are not patentably distinct because SEQ ID NOs: 25 and 28 are the full length heavy chain sequences (of M200 and F200) and therefore include the complete variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1. Similarly, SEQ ID NO: 26 is the full length light chain sequence of M200 which includes the complete variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7. Any search related to Group I, SEQ ID NOs:1 and 7 should necessarily include the results for Group I, SEQ ID NOs: 25, 26 and 28. Consequently, there is no additional search burden placed on the Examiner by including SEQ ID NOs: 25, 26 and 28. Applicant respectfully request that the restriction of the sequences be withdrawn.

Applicants also wish to note that SEQ ID NOs: 31 and 32 are complete heavy and light chain sequences of a humanized version of M200 which include a variable region sequence with high identity to SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 7. Consequently, Applicants believe that these sequences should not be restricted out because their search will not create an undue burden on the Examiner.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the remaining allegedly distinct groups in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims are in good condition for prompt consideration and allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 798-3547.

Respectfully submitted,

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